

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 55

Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 16, 2005

S. 55 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to convey to a private landowner about 70 acres of federal land within the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain National Park in exchange for about 6 acres of property adjacent to the park. Once acquired by the NPS, the new property would be added to the national park and developed as an access site.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing S. 55 would cost about \$1 million over the next year or two, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. This amount would be used to complete the required land exchange and construct facilities such as a parking lot, access road, and a rest area on the newly acquired property. Enacting S. 55 would not affect revenues or direct spending. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the properties to be exchanged would be determined by NPS to be roughly equal in value.

S. 55 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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